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SUBJ: REORGANIZATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF EMBASSY AS RESULT OF  
OCCUPATION

REF: KL 4708; 4709

1. JUST PRIOR TO TERRORIST ATTACK EMBASSY HAD HAD UNDERWAY  
RECONSTRUCTION AND REFURBISHMENT OF CONSULAR SECTION TO  
IMPLEMENT INSPECTOR'S RECENT RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. WORK ACCOMPLISHED THIS REGARD ALMOST TOTAL LOSS DUE  
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OCCUPATION AND DESTRUCTION BY TERRORISTS.

3. AS RESULT LAST WEEK'S EXPERIENCE, COUNTRY TEAM  
UNANIMOUS IN RECOMMENDING REORGANIZATION OF PHYSICAL  
FACILITIES OF EMBASSY BY:

A) ESTABLISHING SOLE ENTRY TO EMBASSY ON TENTH FLOOR (USIS).  
B) STATION MSG AND RECEPTIONIST AT ENTRANCE BUT BEHIND  
BULLET PROOF, ACCESS PROOF PANEL WITH ABSOLUTE  
VISITOR CONTROLLED LOBBY AREA; I.E., VISITORS WILL BE ABLE  
ENTER EMBASSY PREMISES ONLY BY CLEARANCE THROUGH MSG  
AND RECEPTIONIST.

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AND WIRELESS FILE MONITORING UNIT ARE TO BE MOVED TO NINTH FLOOR INTO AREA CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY CONSULATE AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE. APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS TO BE INSTALLED TO LIMIT VISITOR ENTRY ONLY WITH APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEES IN OFFICE: I.E., LOCKED, REINFORCED ENTRY DOOR WITH PEEPHOLE, AND TWO WAY INTERCOM SYSTEM FOR VISITORS TO ANNOUNCE THEMSELVES.

D) CONSULATE, GENERAL SERVICES OPERATION AND CASHIER TO BE MOVED TO TENTH FLOOR INTO SPACE DISOCCUPIED BY C) ABOVE, PERMITTING ACCUMULATION ON ONE FLOOR ALL SECTIONS OF EMBASSY REQUIRING SIGNIFICANT DEGREE PUBLIC ACCESS. ALL, HOWEVER, WILL BE BEHIND SECURITY BARRIER OF B) ABOVE WHEREIN ALL REPEAT ALL VISITORS WILL BE APPROPRIATELY SCREENED PRIOR TO BEING PERMITTED ENTRANCE.

E) AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE TO BE MOVED FROM NINTH FLOOR TO ELEVENTH FLOOR CONTIGUOUS TO ECONOMIC COUNSELOR; REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, FROM NINTH FLOOR TO ELEVENTH FLOOR CONTIGUOUS TO ADMIN COUNSELOR; NCOIC, FROM NINTH FLOOR INTO NEW OFFICE SPACE OUTSIDE AMBASSADOR'S SUITE.

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF ABOVE PLAN PROVIDES ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL AS SECUREA PROTECTION AS WE CAN FORESEE AT THE MOMENT AND PROVIDES MAXIMUM PROTECTION FOR THOSE FEW USIS LOCAL PERXONNEL IN THE DISTRIBUTION UNIT WHO, OF NECESSITY, MUST REMAIN OUTSIDE THE SCREEN. NOTHING MORE CAN BE DONE ABOUT THIS AS LONG AS WE OCCUPY ONLY PART OF ONE FLOOR.

5.EMB PRESENTLY SEEKING THREE BIDS ESTIMATING COSTS INVOLVED AND WILL ENDEAVOR PRIOR END OF WEEK TO REQUEST FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT MOVE SOONEST POSSIBLE. COUNTRY TEAM BELIEVES IMPERATIVE THAT CHANGES BE INITIATED IMMEDIATELY.

6. IN IMPLEMENTING CHANGES WE FIND IT NECESSARY TO DIVORCE EMBASSY RECEPTIONIST/SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR DUTIES. RECEPTIONIST, TO BE MOVED FROM ELEVENTH TO TENTH FLOOR, WILL THEN HANDLE ALL VISITORS TO EMBASSY INCLUDING THOSE FOR USIS. SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR REMAINS ESTABLISHED ON ELEVENTH FLOOR. IN THIS INSTANCE REQUEST ALLOCATION OF ONE ADDITIONAL LOCAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHARED POSITION AT TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF \$3,600. SINCE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO HIRE AND PUT TO WORK IMMEDIATELY THE RECEPTIONIST ON THE TENTH FLOOR. ACCORDINGLY, ALLOCATION OF THE POSITION IS REQUESTED WITH ALL URGENCY. WE HAVE CONSIDERED MANY VARIATIONS BUT THERE IS NO FEASIBLE SECURITY PLAN THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT SPLITTING TELEPHONE OPERATOR/RECEPTIONIST INTO TWO POSITIONS.

7. TESTS WHICH HAD BEEN INITIATED BY LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY PRIOR TO LAST WEEK CONFIRMED THAT NUMBER OF TRUNK LINES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO US ARE INADEQUATE TO SERVICE EMBASSY'S NORMAL TELEPHONE REQUIREMENTS. THE EMERGENCY PROVED THAT TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS DURING CRISIS SIMPLY NOT SUFFICIENT. THE TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS RECOMMENDED THE INSTALLATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL TRUNK LINES ON THE SWITCHBOARD, ONE ADDITIONAL IN THE AMBASSADOR'S SUITE, ONE ADDITIONAL IN THE ECONOMIC SECTION AND ONE ADDITIONAL IN THE AREA ON THE NINTH FLOOR. FUNDS IN THE THE AMOUNT OF \$800 ARE REQUESTED TO COVER COSTS OF INSTALLATION AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

8. CERTAIN EXPENSES WERE INCURRED DURING THE CRISIS FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE REQUIRED; E.G., AN OPEN TELEPHONE LINE BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE OPERATIONS CENTER, \$4409; OTHER INTERNATIONAL CALLS DURING EMERGENCY, \$1500; REPLACEMENT OF EMERGENCY RATIONS USED, \$500; RENOVATION OF AMBASSADOR'S SUITE (USED AS COMMAND POST), INCLUDING CLEANING OF RUGS AND FURNITURE, TYPEWRITER REPAIRS, REPAINTING, ETC., \$1200; OVERTIME FOR STAFF MEMBERS, \$6500, AND IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,909 COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE SOONEST TO COVER THESE COSTS.

9. IN ORDER IMPLEMENT SECURITY MEASURES IMMEDIATELY AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY COVERAGE DURING CONSTRUCTION, WE HAVE REQUESTED IN SEPTEL TDY ASSISTANCE ADDITIONAL MARINE SECURITY GUARDS. IT UNLIKELY THAT SEBEES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE.

10. IN OTHER SEPTEL WE HAVE REQUESTED TDY CONSULAR ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS.

11. ACTION REQUESTED:  
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A. ALLOCATE ONE SHARED LOCAL POSITION AND FUNDS AMOUNTING \$3600.

B. ALLOCATE EMERGENCY TERRORISM FUNDS AMOUNTING \$14,909.

C. AUTHORIZE AND ASSIGN TDY MSGS AS INDICATED IN KL 4709.

D. AUTHORIZE AND ASSIGN TDY CONSULAR OFFICER AS INDICATED KL 4608.

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